GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department - Disciplinary proceedings initiated against Sri K. Maria Das, Forest Section Officer (Retd.), formerly I/c Rayapalli Section of Addateegala Range of Kakinada Division, under Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 read with Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 - Inquiry Conducted – Imposition of penalty of "Withholding of 5% (five percent) pension permanently besides recovery of Rs.83,150/- along with interest thereupon towards loss caused to the Government" against the Charged Officer Sri K. Maria Das, Forest Section Officer (Retd.) – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE& TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 49 **Dated: 17-07-2025**

Read the following:-

1)From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Mangalagiri, Letter Ref.No.3514/2016/A&DC-3(xxxx), dated 13.02.2023.
2)Govt. Memo.No.568/Sec.IV/A1/2023, E.F.S.&T.(Sec.IV)Department, dated 17.10.2024.
3)From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Mangalagiri, Letter Ref.No.3514/2016/A&DC-3(ii), dated 13.06.2025.

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ORDER:

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Mangalagiri has informed that, the following Article of Charge was issued to Sri K. Maria Das, Forest Section Officer, formerly I/c Rayapalli Section of Addateegala Range of Kakinada Division by the Divisional Forest Officer, Kakinada Division, Kakinada in Rc.No.7332/2016/P2, dated 31.12.2016, under Rule 20 of A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991:

> ***Article:*** *"That he had exhibited gross negligence in duty and done check measurement in digging of PT in Chavitidibbalu, Burugupalem, Vangalamadugu and Tungamadugula areas in Rayapalli Section as if executed manually and charged the expenditure with manual rates, even though the work was actually executed with machine and concealed the fact as a result incurring of excess expenditure for Rs.2,21,736/- by his subordinates ".*

2. The Charged Officer acknowledged the receipt of Article of Charge on 16.01.2017 and submitted his written defense statement, dated 'Nil'.The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., has appointed the Chief Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam Circle as Common Inquiry Officer and the Divisional Forest Officer, Flying Squad Division, Rajahmundry as Presenting Officer in Proc.No.3514/2016/Vig-1(i&ii), dated 15.05.2017 respectively, for conducting the regular inquiry. Subsequently, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., has appointed the Chief Conservator of Forests, Rajahmundry Circle as Common Inquiring Authority in Proc.No.3514/2016/Vig-1, dated 31.10.2017, for conducting the regular inquiry.

3. The Inquiry Officer & Chief Conservator of Forests, Rajahmundry Circle has completed the inquiry and submitted his findings in Rc.No.29/2017-M8, dated 23.06.2018 wherein, the Inquiry Officer has concluded that the Charge framed against charged Officer was held **proved.**

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4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., has communicated the findings of the Inquiry Officer to the Charged Officer in Ref.No.3514/2016/A&DC-3(ii), dated 10.11.2020. The Charged Officer has acknowledged receipt of final notice on 16.12.2020 and submitted his written representation, dated 12.01.2021 wherein, he did not put-forth any new/valid/fresh points.

5. The disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9 of A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980, since the Charged Officer has retired from Government service on attaining the age of superannuation on 30.06.2019.

6. After careful examination of the matter keeping in view the findings of the Inquiry Officer, Government have taken a provisional decision to impose a penalty of "Withholding of 5% (five percent) pension permanently besides recovery of Rs.83,150/- along with interest thereupon towards loss caused to the Government" against Sri K. Maria Das, Forest Section Officer (Retd.), formerly I/c Rayapalli Section of Addateegala Range of Kakinada Division, under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980. Accordingly, in Govt. Memo., 2nd read above, a Show-Cause Notice was issued to the retired Charged Officer, for submission of his representation if any, on the proposed penalty. The Charged Officer has acknowledged the receipt of Show-cause Notice on 02.12.2024 but did not submit his written representation.

7. Government after careful examination of the entire matter, have decided to impose a penalty of "Withholding of 5% (five percent) pension permanently besides recovery of Rs.83,150/- along with interest thereupon towards loss caused to the Government" against Sri K. Maria Das, Forest Section Officer (Retd.), formerly I/c Rayapalli Section of Addateegala Range of Kakinada Division, under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980. Accordingly, Government hereby order to impose a penalty of "Withholding of 5% (five percent) pension permanently besides recovery of Rs.83,150/- along with interest thereupon towards loss caused to the Government" against Sri K. Maria Das, Forest Section Officer (Retd.), formerly I/c Rayapalli Section of Addateegala Range of Kakinada Division, under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

8. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Mangalagiri shall take necessary further action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G.ANANTHA RAMU

SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri K. Maria Das, Forest Section Officer (Retd.), formerly I/c Rayapalli Section of Addateegala Range of Kakinada Division through the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Mangalagiri.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Mangalagiri.

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The Accountant General (A&E), Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.

The Secretary to A.P. Vigilance Commission, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.

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SECTION OFFICER